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ROTATABLE SHAFT

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Dear Legal Instruments Examiner:

This is in reply to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed on March 3, 2005 in the above-referenced application under a request for continued examination. This response is filed within one month of the mailing date of the aforementioned Notice; therefore no extension of time should be required.

Resubmitted please find the Amendment to the Claims Section which conforms with 37 CFR § 1.21 paragraph 4(c), in that the previous Claim Status Identifier "Presently Amended" is now listed as Currently Amended. All other status identifiers were compliant under this cited section; and no other edits are made.

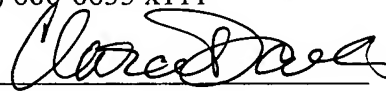
Applicant further asserts that these minor corrections are not made for the purposes of patentability and have no bearing on the reexamination proceedings

Included with this paper for identification purposes by the Legal Instruments Branch are a copy of the following: the Transmittal which preceded this Amendment Section, bearing a USPTO entry date of February 22, 2005; and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Entry of this paper, and a favorable reply are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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